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This instruction implements *AFPD 48-1, Aerospace Medical Program*. It establishes local policy and prescribes procedures for the possession and control of animals at Hill AFB. It covers measures necessary to protect the health and safety of personnel and animals on this installation. It applies to all animals brought to or maintained within the confines of Hill AFB.

SUMMARY OF REVISIONS

This revision deletes reference to Thunderbird Park (Area C); changes the organization responsible for veterinary services; changes the requirement for animals housed outdoors; changes the registration requirements, prescribes *OO-ALC Form 508*; changes the definition of potentially dangerous animals; and updates organizational symbols. A (|) indicates revision from previous edition.

1. SCOPE. The privilege of maintaining a privately owned animal on this installation is dependent on the animals continuing ability to live harmoniously within the military community. The 75 Air Base Wing Commander, (75ABW/CC) may withdraw this privilege when the owner fails to comply with this instruction.

2. DISCIPLINARY AUTHORITY. Military offenders of this instruction are subject to prosecution under the Uniform Code of Military Justice, particularly Article 92(1).

3. APPEALS. Requests for exceptions to the provisions of this instruction and appeals to actions taken or proposed under those provisions will be made in writing with complete justification to 75 ABW/CC. Questions regarding these instructions may be directed to Veterinary Services Hill (VSH) (Veterinary Treatment Facility (VTF) Bldg. 401).

4. LIMITATIONS:

4.1. Non-urban/exotic pets: skunks, raccoons, monkeys, and other wild animals normally restricted to a zoo-type confinement will not be kept on this installation. This includes ferrets, poisonous snakes, and spiders.

4.2. Domestic farm animals, with the exception of horses, are not allowed on this installation. Horses will be kept at the base riding stables in accordance with *OO-ALC-HAFBI 48-104, Privately Owned Horses*.

4.3. Personnel are allowed two pets (fish, small caged animals, and birds are not included in the limitation) in a family housing unit. However, residents of the high-rise fourplexes in Freedom Terrace are only allowed one pet. If an animal is walked out-of-doors, it must be on a leash and accompanied by a responsible individual. Animal waste must be disposed of immediately. Occupants of the fourplexes in Freedom Terrace are required to have portable kennels for outdoor pets. The kennels will be constructed of chain link fencing with a top rail and a water resistant non-absorbent easily cleanable floor. The following kennel sizes are the minimum allowed per weight as established by the American Humane Society:

Animal Weight	Kennel Size
0-35 lb	3'x4'
36-50 lb	4'x5'
50+ lb	4'x6'

NOTE:

AF Form 332, Base Civil Engineer Work Request, must be submitted to the Housing Division (75 CEG/CEH) before a kennel is installed.

4.4. Personnel living in bachelor quarters are allowed small caged animals, birds, or fish.

4.5. Privately owned animals are not permitted to be maintained in areas other than Family Housing.

4.6. Privately owned animals are not permitted at the transient and temporary bachelor officers=quarters (BOQ), guest house facilities, tennis courts, golf courses, swimming pool enclosures, or athletic fields. In addition, animals will be controlled so as not to interfere with official reviews, ceremonies, or parades.

4.7. Animals are not permitted in public buildings except for facilities deigned for their use or care.

4.8. Breeding animals for commercial purposes on this installation without approval, in writing, of 75 ABW/CC is in violation of *DODR 5500-7, Joint Ethics Regulation (JER)*. Litters of pets will be treated by VSH (VTF Bldg. 401) only if the owner certifies in writing that they are not a commercial breeder, or alternatively presents a letter of approval from 75 ABW/CC. Litters will be registered or ownership transferred before 90 days of age. False certification will result in permanent denial of military veterinary services.

5. EXCEPTIONS:

5.1. AHandicapped assistance dogs@ may go anywhere their owners go as authorized by Congress (Title 40, U.S.C., Section 291).

5.2. Pets may be allowed to visit medical facilities as part of human-animal bond activities if approved by the Commander, 75th Medical Group (75 MDG/SG).

6. RESPONSIBILITIES:

6.1. The Commander Rocky Mountain VSSD @ Ft. Carson, CO and Chief, VSH, in compliance with the current Interservice Support Agreement, are responsible for the surveillance of zoonotic disease conditions as well as recommending those control measures necessary to prevent the spread of any zoonotic or other animal disease condition.

6.2. 75 CEG/CEH is responsible for providing a copy of this instruction to each military sponsor occupying government quarters.

6.3. Owners of animals maintained on this installation are responsible for the following:

6.3.1. Providing sufficient wholesome food and water, humane care and treatment, and veterinary care to prevent their animals from suffering. In the event that veterinary care by the VTF, VSH, is not available or authorized, it is the owners responsibility to obtain civilian veterinary care at the owner=s expense. The VTF is authorized to examine, immunize, and treat for diseases or conditions which may be transmitted to humans or animals.

6.3.2. Preventing their animals from becoming a nuisance or menace to other persons, animals, or property. A nuisance is defined as Athat which causes trouble, annoyance (prolonged barking or howling), or causes damage to private or public property@. All animals will be controlled in order to prevent them from biting or causing injury to people or other animals.

6.3.3. Exercising or walking dogs off the owner=s premises will be done with leashes that do not exceed 6 feet in length. When on the owner=s premises they may be kept on or off leash under the control of a mature, responsible individual or in a fenced area or prescribed kennel from which they cannot escape.

6.3.4. Cleaning up animal waste in a timely manner to prevent a breeding ground for flies and disease organisms, and preventing the animal from damaging shrubs, flowers, or another occupant=s area of responsibility.

6.3.5. Keeping unspayed female animals in isolation during their heat period to prevent attraction of large numbers of male dogs in their neighborhood. If the female cannot be adequately controlled or isolated in their government quarters, the owner will isolate the female in heat off base in a humane manner.

6.3.6. Securing animals housed outdoors in a fenced area on the owner=s premises or in a prescribed kennel. Animals should not be tethered or chained.

6.3.7. Providing proper shelter from the weather when pets are housed outdoors. The shelter will include a moisture proof and wind proof structure of a suitable size to accommodate the animal and allow retention of body heat. Arrangements must also be made for adequate shade during the summer months. The shelter will be made of a durable material with a solid floor raised at least two inches from the ground and with the entrance either protected by a flexible wind-proof material, self-closing swinging door, or a wind baffle entrance. Such a structure will be provided with a sufficient quantity of bedding material to provide insulation and promote retention of body heat.

6.3.8. Properly transferring ownership of the animal when no longer wanted by finding a new home for the animal or by turning the animal over to a humane organization.

6.3.9. Clearing through the VTF and obtaining animal health records upon reassignment from Hill AFB.

6.3.10. Abiding by the published quarantine procedures.

6.4. Motor vehicle operators who strike and injure an animal will stop at once and render such assistance as may be possible; utilizing caution to prevent possible injury to themselves. They will subsequently report the incident to the animal's owner, or Security Forces Squadron (75 SFS/SF) if the owner's name and location cannot be determined.

6.5. 75 SFS/SF is the focal point for reporting of this instruction. The capture of stray animals rests with contracted animal control.

7. REGISTRATION:

7.1. All dogs and cats residing on Hill AFB and being maintained in government quarters must be registered with VSH (VTF Bldg. 401) when they reach 12 weeks of age, within 7 days of arrival on base, or when acquired. Re-registration is required yearly. For a dog or cat to be registered, owners must have proof of rabies vaccination by a licensed veterinarian within the past 12 months. Puppies and kittens may be vaccinated at 12 weeks of age and registered at that time. Appointments may be made with the VTF to vaccinate dogs or cats that are not current before registration. *OO-ALC Form 508, Pet Registration Form*, will be filled out by the owner at the housing office to identify the number and type of pets owned. The form briefly explains base registration policy and gives the location and phone number to the VTF for further questions. Copies of this form are sent to VSH by 75 CEG/CEH to identify pets and owners for registration.

7.2. In the event an animal registered at the VTF is sold or given away and the animal remains on base, the new owner must re-register the animal in their own name and comply with this instruction.

7.3. Pets of guests of military personnel on the installation are not required to be registered, but they are the responsibility of the sponsor of the guest. The sponsor will ensure the animal does not present a threat to the health or safety of other persons or animals on the installation.

8. LOOSE OR STRAY ANIMALS. Any animal found or reported running loose on this installation is subject to impoundment at the contracted animal control facility. If an owner wishes to reclaim their animal, they must pay the costs incurred at the facility. The impound facility will maintain impounded animals in appropriate kennels or cages while attempting to identify the owner. Microchip tag readers are available to aid in the identification of the animal. Stray animals will be confined for a minimum of three duty days to provide owners sufficient time to reclaim animals. After three working days the animals may be euthanized or disposed of in accordance with local regulations. Animals cited or impounded as stray animals three times will be subject to removal from Hill AFB.

9. ANIMAL BITES OR SCRATCHES:

9.1. Healthy, privately owned dogs or cats, with a current rabies vaccination, that bite a human will be confined and observed for ten days and evaluated by a veterinarian at the first sign of illness during confinement or before release. Such animals will not be destroyed, given away, sold, or otherwise disposed of by the owner until the quarantine period is completed.

9.2. Any stray dog or cat that bites a person or any unvaccinated dog or cat that bites in a nonprovoked manner will be humanely euthanized and submitted for laboratory evaluation.

9.3. 75 SFS/SF assistance will be requested by the organization responsible for quarantining animals classified as rabies suspects if the owner fails to cooperate, or if the animal's owner cannot be located or identified.

9.4. The Chief, VSH or designated representative are the only persons authorized to release an animal from home quarantine.

9.5. Quarantine will occur within an approved impound facility or within the owner's government quarters, at the discretion of the Chief, VSH or designated representative. Failure to comply with established home quarantine procedures will result in the animal being apprehended and quarantined at the owner's expense in an approved civilian facility.

10. REMOVAL OF ANIMALS FROM THE INSTALLATION:

10.1. Each incident of an animal inflicting a bite wound which resulted in a *DD Form 2341, Report of Animal Bite - Potential Rabies Exposure*, being prepared will be evaluated by the Chief, VSH or designated representative to determine if the animal represents a danger to the general public. 75 SFS/SF may be requested to investigate the circumstances of the bite incident to aid in this determination.

10.2. Animals, which upon investigation, are determined to be vicious or dangerous as defined in paragraph 13 of this instruction will be so reported to the 75 ABW/CC with a recommendation that the animal be removed from the installation even though it may have been a provoked attack.

11. PROHIBITED ACTS:

11.1. The following incidents are cause for disciplinary action to be taken against the offender and subsequent denial of the privilege of maintaining animals on this installation:

11.1.1. Leaving an animal unattended in any vehicle parked on this installation in a manner which threatens the life or well being of the animal.

11.1.2. Ill-treating, tormenting, overloading, overworking, or otherwise abusing an animal.

11.1.3. Willfully using any known poisonous substance in areas accessible to animals unless such use is in accordance with an officially established rodent control program.

11.1.4. Repeatedly provoking or antagonizing an animal.

11.1.5. Failing to discharge the responsibilities of an animal owner as specified in paragraph 6.3. of this instruction.

11.2. Anyone may submit a written complaint to 75 SFS/SF in situations where there is animal abuse or violation of provisions of this instruction or the Federal Animal Welfare Act of 1970.

11.3. The Chief, VSH will assist 75 SFS/SF to investigate all complaints of animal abuse or neglect; and if the complaint has justification, will submit a report to 75 ABW/CC with appropriate recommendations.

12. ANIMAL UNUSUAL OR THREATENING BEHAVIOR. Personnel who observe an animal showing unusual or threatening behavior will notify 75 SFS/SF.

13. DANGEROUS ANIMALS:

13.1. Dangerous animals fall into categories as defined below:

13.1.1. Potentially dangerous - any animal that, with or without provocation, approaches a person in a public area in a menacing fashion; any animal with a known propensity to attack without provocation; any animal believed capable of posing a threat to the safety of humans or domestic animals; or any wild animal that approaches a person in a tame or unusual manner.

13.1.2. Dangerous - any animal with a recorded history of inflicting severe injury to a human being; any animal that has previously been found to be potentially dangerous and subsequently aggressively attacks or endangers the safety of humans or domestic animals.

13.1.3. Vicious - any animal that has inflicted severe injury to a human being; any animal that has killed a domestic animal while off the owner's property; or any animal whose owner has been previously notified that the animal is dangerous and the animal again attacks or endangers the safety of humans or domestic animals.

13.2. Possession of dangerous animals:

13.2.1. The contracted animal control officer will respond to complaints of dangerous animals and determine if they are potentially dangerous or dangerous, as defined.

13.2.2. Potentially dangerous animals will be prevented by all reasonable means from inflicting fear or injury.

13.2.3. Dangerous animals must be securely confined indoors or in a securely enclosed locked pen or structure that will prevent entry of children and animal escape. The animal will not be permitted outside the proper enclosure unless muzzled and restrained with a substantial chain or leash held by a responsible person.

13.3. Failure to control an animal as required by the animal control officer may prompt a request to 75 ABW/CC that the animal be removed from the installation.

14. DEAD ANIMAL DISPOSAL:

14.1. Owners are responsible for the sanitary disposal of their dead pets. Burial on base is prohibited. If animals are registered at the VTF, the owner must advise that facility so that the animal's health records can be removed from the active file.

14.2. Animals found dead on the installation will be reported to Pest Control in the Civil Engineer Squadron (75 CES). Pest Control will dispose of all dead animals.

14.3. Animals dying on this installation are subject to a necropsy by the Chief, VSH when in his/her professional judgment this is necessary.

14.4. Animals which bite a person and subsequently die before the 10 day quarantine has elapsed or can be initiated will be promptly delivered to the VTF for laboratory examination for rabies.

15. DISEASE OUTBREAK QUARANTINE PROCEDURES:

15.1. If rabies is diagnosed in any animal on the installation or in the surrounding communities, a general quarantine will be implemented to prevent an epidemic from developing.

15.1.1. All animals will be kept on a leash when outdoors. Animals off leash will be impounded by the proper authority.

15.1.2. Extreme precaution will be taken to prevent animal bites, scratches, or fights.

15.1.3. Any animal which is bitten by another animal will be taken to the VTF for examination. The owner must bring vaccination certification and any other information available about the animal which bit their pet. The owner of the pet which did the biting must also provide vaccination certificates. The biting animal will be considered as a dangerous rabies suspect and will be dealt with according to published quarantine procedures.

15.1.4. Home quarantine of rabies suspects during a rabies epidemic will not be permitted.

15.1.5. Animal owners who are permanently leaving the installation on Permanent Change of Station (PCS), discharge, etc., will be permitted to remove their animal from base only with written authorization from the Chief, VSH.

15.1.6. Sponsors will restrict the activities of their dependents in walking or playing in unimproved areas (wooded area) and caution them about approaching an unfamiliar animal.

15.1.7. The installation quarantine will remain in effect for 60 days following the last reported case of rabies.

15.1.8. 75 SFS/SF will assist in enforcing terms of the installation quarantine.

15.2. Other zoonotic or animal disease outbreaks:

15.2.1. Any federal or state quarantine measures initiated for the control of a zoonotic or animal disease outbreak that may effect Hill AFB will be cause for the implementation of appropriate quarantine measures.

15.2.2. The Chief, VSH in conjunction with the Environmental Health Officer, will be responsible for the collection and dissemination of epidemiological information that may affect the status of the quarantine measures. All activities and individuals will assist when requested.

16. FORMS. This instruction prescribes *OO-ALC Form 508, Pet Registration Form*.

TAD A. STANLEY, Colonel
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